

ATTACHMENT #2

KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Attachment #2 is a summarization of the statutory requirements for the Kinship Care Program. Each requirement is followed by the statutory cite for that requirement.

Please note that some of the requirements relate to eligibility (i.e., they apply to the relative caretaker) and some relate to administration of the program (i.e., they apply to the agency administering the Kinship Care program).

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The eligibility requirements for the Kinship Care program are mandated by statute. These requirements are included in the actual statutory language (Attachment 1), the application form (Attachment 4) and the approval process (Attachment 5). This Attachment merely serves to summarize these requirements for the convenience of county and tribal agency staff and participants in the Kinship Care program.

The eligibility requirements are the following

1. The relative applies to the county or tribal child welfare agency. [s.48.57(3m)(am)1.]
2. The county or tribe determines that there is a need for the living arrangement. [s.48.57(3m)(am)1.]
3. The county or tribe determines that the living arrangement is in the best interests of the child. [s.48.57(3m)(am)1.]
4. The county or tribe determines that the child meets the jurisdictional criteria under s.48.13 (**CHIPS**) or **938.13 (DIPS)** or might meet those criteria in the future if the child remained in his or her home. [s.48.57(3m)(am)2.]
5. The county or tribe conducts a criminal background check of the relative, other adults living in the home of the relative and any employees of the relatives who might have regular contact with the child. [s.48.57(3m)(am)4.]
6. The relative states that neither he or she, any other adult living in the home nor any employees of the relative who might have regular contact with the child has any arrests or convictions that could adversely affect the child or the relative's ability to care for the child. [s.48.57(3m)(am)4m.]
7. The relative cooperates with the county or tribal agency in the application process, including applying for any other forms of assistance for which the child may be eligible. [s.48.57(3m)(am)5.]
8. The agency refers the child's parents to the child support agency. [s.48.57(3m)(b)1.]
9. The parent maintains or initiates health insurance for the child. [s.48.57(3m)(c)]
10. The county or tribal agency reviews the living arrangement no less frequently than every 12 months to determine whether the conditions still exist. [s.48.57(3m)(d)]